NEW LAWS COME INTO EFFECT IN ENGLAND

Several Important Measures Become Operative in Old Country

London, Jan. 4.—Many important acts of Parliament passed by the Liberals took effect January 1. Chief among these is the small holdings law giving rural laborers for the first time in scores of years a chance to cultivate their own land and enjoy all the boons of peasant proprietorship. The object of the measure is to stop the rush of people away from the farms. The enthusiasm for it is said to be great, in some counties every available acre of land already having been applied for.

Another important act provides for the revocation of patents where it can be shown that they injure the trade and industry of the united kingdom. It requires alien patentees getting British patents to work them in this country. The new health act enlarges the powers of the local authorities in sanitary matters and in the control of the people's food.

The public-trustee law creates an official with perpetual existence to execute wills—a functionary who "can never die, become incapacitated, leave the country or prove false to his trust." It is expected that this office will be of great benefit to thousands of persons of limited means.

Under the new vaccination act the conscientious objector is relieved of the necessity of appearing before bench magistrates to claim exemption. All he has to do is to swear to his conscientious objection before a commissioner of oaths. The new criminal appeal act gives persons convicted the unconditional right of appeal as to questions of law and also with the leave of the Court of Criminal Appeal or on the certificate of the trial judges the right to appeal as to questions of mixed law and fact. The Court of Criminal Appeal may set aside the verdict of a jury, quash the conviction or vary the judgment or sentence.

The amended factory-workshop act limits the hours of women working in laundries to sixty hours a week and provides for the inspection of manual labor in charitable and reformatory institutions. In the future a court may release a prisoner on probation, furnishing him with a statement of the conditions which he must observe while at liberty.

Such are some of the liberal measures which are expected to affect British social life deeply for years to come.

Russian Crop Outlook Is Bad.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A dispatch, received here from Tiflis, says scurvy has broken out among the native population in the province of Erivan, which, like other provinces of the Caucasus, suffered severely in 1907 from a poor harvest and resultant famine. Measures to send in food and to afford medical relief are being taken. The crop outlook in European Russia has grown worse lately on account of the long spell of cold weather, with no snow. Winter crops have been lost.

CALEB POWERS' CASE

Jury Disagrees and is Discharged—A New Trial Fixed by Judge For July 6

Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 4.—After being out more than 48 hours, the jury in the case of Caleb Powers on the charge of complicity in the murder of William Goebel today reported for the second time that they were unable to agree upon a verdict, and were discharged by Judge Morris.

This was the fourth trial of Powers. In two of the former trials Powers was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, and at the third trial he was also convicted and given a death sentence.

Judge Morris overruled the motion for bail. He fixed July 6 as the date for the next trial.

Harden Appeals.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Maximillan Harden, who was yesterday found guilty of libeling Count Kuno von Moltke and sentenced to four months' imprisonment, has appealed to the Supreme Court of the Empire on the ground that testimony was illegally excluded from the hearing, and on several other technicalities.

Talk About Coast Guard.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 4.—Adjutant General J. B. Lauck will leave Saturday for Washington, D. C., where he goes at the request of Acting Secretary of War Leaver to talk on the artillery matters of the coast, including national guard matters.

General Lauck, General Fins of Oregon and General Ortis Hamilton of Washington are in favor of leaving the national guard alone and forming separate artillery organizations. They believe it would work a hardship on the national guard if it were to be made a part of the coast artillery.

Women Smoke In Cafes.

New York, Jan. 4.—So successful was the plan of allowing women to smoke in the public dining rooms, introduced at one of the prominent restaurants for the first time in New York on New Year's evening, that another famous Broadway eating place has followed suit.

It is expected that several more of them will fall into line immediately, but the big hotels and restaurants on Fifth avenue will not, the managers say, follow suit, for the present at least.

Until New Year's night no first-class restaurant in New York had permitted women to smoke in the public rooms.

James B. Martin, proprietor of the Cafe Martin, who permitted the innovation, said:

"Smoking by women is never objectionable. The smartest women in New York smoke, so why should puritanical proprietors rule against this mode of procedure any more than against drinking cocktails or highballs?"

Struck by Street Car

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farquarharson were struck by a street car at the corner of Wood avenue and St. Catherine street last night. The woman's skull was fractured, and her injuries are such that it is believed impossible for her to survive the hurt and shock. Mr. Farquharson had three fingers of one hand crushed, and these were amputated.

Every member of the London police force will have his pay increased six per cent.

THAW'S NEW TRIAL GOES ON THIS WEEK

Anthony Comstock Expected to Be One of Principal New Witnesses

New York, Jan. 4.—The final conferences of the attorneys engaged in the defence of Harry K. Thaw were held today, without the presence of Mrs. William K. Thaw, the mother, who was expected to go over the case in its entirety with the lawyers. Mrs. Thaw is still too ill to come on from her home in Pittsburg, and will not be in court when the prisoner is called to his place on Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock. She is expected to arrive in New York within the next week or ten days, however, and will be ready to again take the stand if the attorneys for the defense deem her testimony necessary in the case. Josiah and Edward Thaw, the brothers, and Mrs. Geo. Lander Carnegie, a sister, are expected Monday.

Justice Victor Dowling, who will preside, is one of the youngest members of the state supreme bench, but has already attained a wide reputation as a jurist. He has expressed an intention to hold the opposing attorneys steadily to their tasks, and to expedite the trial as much as possible.

The demand for admission to the trial is expected to be heavy, but it is promised that the lines are to be strictly drawn. The ban upon the attendance of women will go far toward preventing a repetition of the almost riotous scenes in the courthouse corridors which marked the opening of the first hearing.

Since the announcement that Anthony Comstock, head of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, would be called as one of the principal new witnesses for the defence, the rumor has once more gained circulation that Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw will not take the stand.

Dr. Britton D. Evans, inventor of the "brainstorm" branch of insanity, gave the words to the jury at the first trial. The alienist was recounting the details of a visit paid by him to Thaw in the Tombs prison not long after the tragedy. Referring to Stanford White at this time, he declared that Thaw said: "I never wanted to shoot that creature. I never wanted to kill him. I knew that he was a sinful creature, and that he was deflowering the daughters of mothers and fathers of America. I did want, through legal means, to bring him to trial. I wanted to bring him to court so that his criminal doings might be brought up to the public, and that he might be brought to justice and suffer for that which he was doing."

"I know, but it did not result that way," suggested Dr. Evans.

"No," replied Thaw. "Providence took charge of the situation. That was an act of Providence. Had it been my judgment, I would have preferred for him to have to suffer the humiliation and all that comes from laying this matter—his doings—before a court and the public. The shooting of a man is an easy proposition, I think. Anybody can take a gun and shoot. I wanted by legal processes to bring him to justice, but this act of Providence came in and settled the matter in its own way."

"What did you do," asked Dr. Evans, "to bring this matter before the public?" Thaw replied: "I went to Mr. Comstock; I went to Mr. Jerome; I went to a detective agency and they reported back to me. Mr. Jerome said I had better let it drop; that there was nothing in it. The detective agency said they would work further on it, but did not bring any report that warranted me or enabled me to bring action against Stanford White in a court of law."

DOLL COSTS TOT HER LIFE

Girl Lights Match to Find Christmas Presents in Dark Room and Dies Under the Bed

New York, Jan. 4.—Four-year-old Nanina Leone is dead, all for the love of her Christmas doll. Nanina was the daughter of a well to do contractor who lives in the suburbs. On Christmas she received a beautiful wax doll, which at once became the joy of her baby heart. Yesterday Nanina accompanied her mother around the corner and there told the grocer's wife all about the doll. The woman expressed a desire to see it, and the child insisted on being allowed to run home and get it. She would only be gone a moment she explained. Mrs. Leone remained to finish her purchases but as the minutes passed and the little girl did not return she became anxious and started back to the house. There was a crowd in front of the building; smoke was coming out of the windows and a fire engine was on the corner. Mrs. Leone rushed to find her daughter. Nanina was not to be seen. One of the firemen looked in under the bed and then they led the woman away. There lay the child, dead, her doll in her arms. The doll had been placed under the bed and the room was dark. Nanina probably lighted a match to find the doll and set fire to her clothing. The doctor in the ambulance, which responded to a call, said the little girl had inhaled the flames and died almost instantly.

Toronto Investigation

Toronto, Jan. 4.—How some of Toronto's citizens have been benefitted by Commissioner John Chambers, or his staff, was again brought out at the inquiry yesterday, but whether or not this has been done at the expense of the ratepayers was not definitely ascertained. Several names of well known people, such as R. J. Fleming, Alderman McBride, John Shaw, Sir William Meredith and others were mentioned, and it was shown that city nursery stock had been received by them, or else they had city employees do their gardening.

To Wed In June.

Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 4.—The wedding of Prince William will take place the second week in June next, according to the decision which has finally been reached, and the bride will enter Stockholm on the same day as did the former Swedish queens, Josephine, Louisa and Sophia, June 19. The Russian, German and British courts will be represented by members of the reigning families.

Marketing of Grain.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—The grain marketed at C.P.R. points on January 3 was 54,000 bushels of wheat and 31,000 bushels of other grains, as compared with 84,000 bushels of wheat and 13,000 bushels of other grains on the same date last year. The total amount marketed at C.P.R. points since Sept. 1 is 24,971,000 bushels of wheat and 3,880,000 bushels of other grains.

CANADIAN PACIFIC CHANGES OF TRAINS

New Time Card Covering Prairie Country in Effect Last Night

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—The new time card on the C.P.R. went into effect tonight. In Alberta the afternoon train between Calgary and Edmonton is cancelled.

On the Crow's Nest line the last of the flyers of the Soo-Spokane service left the respective terminals in St. Paul and Spokane today. The local trains five and six will make connection at Kingsgate for Spokane. The mixed train service between Cranbrook and Macleod has been greatly improved, and connection will be made at the latter point for Lethbridge and all points east.

The question of the future of the service to be given west of the city by trains number one and two is still in doubt, but it is probable that the trains will continue to be operated west to Moose Jaw.

Prince Albert Election.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 4.—The net result of the inquiry into the disputed ballots in the bye-election was the reduction of the Attorney-General's majority to fifty.

Liberal Candidate

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 4.—F. F. Wartman, of Colebrook, will be the Liberal candidate in Lennox and Addington at the next general elections for the Commons.

Workmen's Compensation.

Calgary, Alb., Jan. 4.—The Minister of Public Works has announced that workmen's compensation act to be introduced at the coming session will include all workmen. It was thought it would only apply to the miners.

VERY LITTLE HOPE FOR MOUNT TEMPLE

Hungarian Arrives at Portland Without News of the C. P. R. Liner

Portland, Me., Jan. 4.—Another hope that the missing Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Royal, with her 400 passengers and crew, might be towed into port, was dissipated on the arrival here today of the Allan line steamer Hungarian.

As the latter ship was 20 days from Glasgow and a week over-due, shipping circles in London were led to believe that it had fallen in with the Mount Royal, which left Antwerp on December 7 for St. John, N. B., and is now long over-due, and expected to hear she was being towed into Portland.

No trace of the Mount Royal was seen by the Hungarian. The Allan liner had a hard passage, due to heavy head winds, but sustained no damage.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 4.—C. P. R. officials here have practically given up the steamer Mount Royal as lost. The hope that she would arrive in tow of the Hungarian was dissipated by the arrival of that steamer at Portland alone.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Arsene Lamy's departmental store, corner St. Dennis and Duluth avenue, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, about $50,000. Five firemen were injured by falling walls, but none seriously. The Brosseau family, who lived next door, narrowly escaped suffocation.

TENDERS ARE CALLED FOR E. & N. GRADING

Contractors Are Asked to Submit Figures for First Ten Miles

Sealed tenders for the contract of grading the first section of the E. & N. extension to Alberni have been called by C. E. Cartwright, chief engineer of the railway. As announced in the Colonist of yesterday the section comprises that part of the road running from Wellington to the head of Nanoose bay.

The prompt action of the railway will afford work to a large number of men and will greatly benefit Victoria. It is a still further proof of the faith which the officials of the C. P. R. have in the future of Vancouver island, and justifies the prophecy of those who state that Victoria will double its population in the next five years.

POSES AS MAN FOR YEAR

California Girl Masquerader Says She Did so For Better Wages and Protection

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 4.—After masquerading for over a year in trousers, Miss Anna Mary Egger, a clerk in a delicatessen store in this city, otherwise known as "Frank" Egger, today became a bride. During that time "Frank" Egger was regarded by her acquaintances as a rather mild mannered youth, but no one, except the woman who gave her the first suit of men's clothes, knew of her disguise, or even suspected that the beardless clerk was a woman.

She baceme engaged two years ago in this city to Ernest F. Brunner while she was working in a local hotel. She was then every whit a woman, but when her finnce went away to Truckee, Mrs. M. Diepenbrock of this city, whom she had nursed during a long illness, suggested that for her better protection and convenience she don male attire.

Miss Egger succeeded in keeping her fiance in ignorance of the change she had made in her appearance. When he saw her yesterday, for the first time in two years, clad for all the world like a man, he was at first angry, but was pacified when she promised to again put on the dress of her sex.

"It's great to be a man," said the bride today.

"I do not think men are half as wicked as women. I've actually had two women propose to me, and I had the hardest time in the world shaking them. I am nearly 35 years old, and I knew my husband when we were both children in Switzerland. I dressed like a man because I could get better wages as a man and because I felt that I was better protected in trousers than in skirts."

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SPECIALS FOR MONDAY

Very Handsome Black Costumes
Smart Black Coats
Fascinating Blouses

All Tremendously Reduced in Price

Handsome Black Costumes

SAMPLE BLACK COSTUMES, every one a tremendous bargain, the regular prices being all the way from $15.00 to $25.00. OUR SALE PRICE.....$4.75

VERY USEFUL BLACK COSTUMES, regular price $13.50. OUR SALE PRICE.....$7.50

ATTRACTIVE BLACK COSTUMES, with smart cut-away three-button coats, velvet collars, fashionable skirts, making very useful and ladylike walking and shoping suits. Regular price $15 to $20. OUR SALE PRICE.....$10.00

HANDSOME BLACK COSTUMES, with cut-away and military braided coats, full pleated skirts. Regular price $25 to $30.00. OUR SALE PRICE.....$15.00

And many other higher priced costumes all reduced in proportion.

Smart Black Coats

THREE-QUARTER LENGTH BLACK COATS, regular price $9.00. OUR SALE PRICE.....$6.00

SMART, THREE-QUARTER LENGTH BLACK COATS, box backs, velvet and plain collars. Regular price $12.00. OUR SALE PRICE.....$7.50

SEVEN-EIGHTH LENGTH BLACK COATS, loose backs, handsomely braided. Regular price $15.00. OUR SALE PRICE....$11.50

STYLISH, SEVEN-EIGHTH, BLACK COATS, semi backs, velvet collars, military braiding. Regular price $18.00. OUR SALE PRICE.....$13.00

VERY HANDSOME BLACK COATS, seven-eight length, handsomely braided, new kimona sleeves, smart collars. Regular price $22.50. OUR SALE PRICE.....$16.00

And many other coats all reduced in proportion.

Three Blouse Specials

VERY PRETTY LAWN BLOUSES, tastefully trimmed with embroidery. Regular price $1.25. OUR SALE PRICE 90c

STYLISH LAWN BLOUSES, elaborately trimmed with embroidery. Regular price $2.00. OUR SALE PRICE.....$1.25

FASCINATING MULL BLOUSES, embroidery and lace trimmed, three-quarter sleeves. Regular price $3.25. OUR SALE PRICE..$2

Misses' Coats all at Half Price

Children's Coats

A Splendid Assortment All at Half Price

ANGUS CAMPBELL & CO.

Sale Terms Cash
No Goods Charged

The Ladies' Store

Promis Block, Government Street, Victoria

Sale Terms Cash
No Goods on Appro

Ask Relief From J. J. Hill.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 4.—Farmers resident in the Habrite district have sent a petition to James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, asking him to extend one of his Dakota lines through a portion of that district not at present served by railways. They make a generous offer to the railway company, stating that if Mr. Hill supplies the food and lodging for the camps and the implements for making the grade, the farmers of the district will supply the labor necessary to push the grade through next summer.

Household Bankrupts Actress.

New York, Jan. 4.—The schedules of Mrs. Leslie Carter Payne, an involuntary bankrupt, filed today in the district court of the United States, show liabilities of $194,418 and assets of $57,926.

The liabilities are principally for debts incurred in running her household. The assets consist of jewels, gowns and house furniture, together with a claim against David Belasco for profits on plays produced during the last 18 years, the amount of which is unknown and not included in the amount of the assets named.

Of the liabilities the sum of $186,444 is unsecured.

To Observe Eclipse

Washington, Jan. 4.—In order to observe the eclipse of the sun yesterday, which appeared as a total eclipse in the tropical Pacific ocean, C. G. Abbott, director of the astro-physical observatory of the Smithsonian institution, has been sent to Flint island, 400 miles northwest of Tahiti. The eclipse was total between 11 and 12 o'clock in that longitude, which corresponds to between 4 and 5 o'clock Washington time.

Mr. Abbott, with an assistant, joined a party headed by Professor W. W. Campbell, of Lick Observatory of California, sailed on the steamer Mariposa from San Francisco on November 22.

Mr. Abbott's observations comprise an examination with the Langley bolometer of the sun's corona, especially toward its inner part, to help decide what is the most probable cause of its luminosity. It was proposed also to observe with instruments the peculiarities of skylight before the day of the eclipse, so that even if clouds should obscure the eclipse there would still be something of value brought back from the trip.

Ate Morphine Tablets

Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 4.—The three-year-old son of Robert Brooks is dead from eating morphine tablets, which had been left by a physician for a member of the family.

BIG COAL COMPANY FOR KOOTENAY COUNTRY

D. C. Corbin to Operate Coal Measures in Event of Railway Bill Carrying

If all goes well with the application of the company known as the Eastern B. C. railway company for permission to build a railway the first ten miles of which will run from the Crow's Nest Pass to the Loop, British Columbia will within a few months have another big producing coal company. An intimation that the company will apply for incorporation at the next session of parliament has appeared for the last few weeks in the British Columbia Gazette.

It now transpires that back of the company is D. C. Corbin, the well known capitalist and railway man of Spokane.

Mr. Corbin has in eastern Kootenay some seventeen coal measures. J. A. Harvey, legal adviser to Mr. Corbin, has been in the city closing up the details which transform the leases into patented claims. In all Mr. Corbin will have over 10,000 acres of coal lands in this district and hence the importance of the construction of the railway mentioned as it will tap the country where the above coal measures lie.

The bill came up at the last session of the provincial legislature but was killed in committee.

Japan Sees Hope in Record

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 4.—In its retrospect of the closing year the Kokumin Shimbun finds general reason for encouragement. The increased responsibilities of the nation politically and financially inspire some misgivings, but it should be borne in mind, says the Kokumin, that with renewed vigor and untiring energy the brightest prospects may be realized. It adds that the national resources and popular energy are so great as not to warrant any extreme pessimism.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL BOARD

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W. G. Cameron.

William George Cameron, clothier, Johnson street, is a pioneer of Victoria, having come here in 1860. His experience in civic matters has been considerable, he having served terms in the council for what was then the South ward, and has been chairman of the finance committee for four years out of seven. Besides his experience in civic government, Mr. Cameron has been a member of the local legislature from Victoria city. His twenty-four years' experience in business here has given him an intimate knowledge of the needs of Victoria. He will run as alderman in ward Five.

Josiah Kingham.

Josiah Kingham, for seventeen years a resident of Victoria, has always occupied a prominent part in the city's business history. He was formerly vice-president of the chamber of commerce, and of late years has been a member of the council of the board of trade. He has never been a member of the city council. For the past five years he has been president of the Pacific club. He is the local agent of the Nanaimo collieries. He has signified his intention of running as aldermanic candidate in ward Three.

A. McKeown

A. McKeown, proprietor and owner of the A. McKeown shoe factory, has been a resident of Victoria for the past quarter of a century and for years has been one of its leading business men. Ever since his arrival here he has been connected with the wholesale shoe business concerns. For the past year and a half Mr. McKeown has been a school trustee and has taken a keen interest in everything which pertained to the advancement of the educational facilities of Victoria. On his arrival in the city from Belleville, Ont., he was superintendant of the Belmont Shoe company which position he held for six years, when that concern was bought out by the Ames Holden company, wholesale shoe manufacturers, of Montreal, and until seven years ago he was superintendent of that company's branch here when he bought out the business and has since been sole proprietor. Mr. McKeown is a member of the local board of trade, is past grand master of Masonic Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and trustee of Odd Fellows' Lodge, No. 1. He has consented to present himself as a candidate in ward four.

Ald. Anton Henderson

Ald. Anton Henderson, who has announced himself as a candidate for re-election as alderman in ward five, James Bay district, has been a resident of the city since 1880 and until last fall was connected with the Victoria Transfer company. He has had considerable experience in local civic matters and has served two terms in the council. In 1893 he was an alderman for ward five when Mayor Beaven was the chief magistrate and during the past year, as chairman of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, he has been one of the hardest worked members of the council. Ald. Henderson stated that he had been asked by the business interests to run. He had already made up his mind to be a candidate but he was determined to be the candidate of no particular interest but to stand on his merits and if returned to represent his ward and give his attention to civic matters as closely as heretofore.

A. M. Bannerman

A. M. Bannerman, candidate for alderman in ward three has been a resident of the city on and off for the past 23 years. He is the senior partner in the firm of Bannerman & Horn, in the grain business on Johnson street. For the first six years after his arrival in Victoria in 1885, he taught in the public schools four of which were spent in the Craigflower school.

At the end of that time he entered the grain business and was a member of the firm of Hasty and Bannerman, doing business at the stand where the firm now operates. In 1897 when the gold excitement broke out, he entered the transportation business and continued in it for three years. He then spent five years in the grain business in Dawson, later returning to this city where he has remained ever since in his present occupation.

Richard Hall

Richard Hall, a resident of Victoria since a mere lad, is one of the foremost business men of the city. He received his education here. At an early age he was connected with the dry-goods trade, and also in the wholesale commission business. In 1882 he entered the coal business, in which he has ever since continued, also being agent for several fire and marine insurance companies. He has been a member of the local legislature, being returned in 1898, in 1900, and again in 1903. Fraternally Mr. Hall is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and Sons of England.

Alexander Watson

Alexander Watson, who will contest Ward 1, of which he has been a resident for many years, came to Victoria when a lad, with his father, Alexander Watson, sr. They arrived here in 1863 and he can be truly said to be a pioneer. Mr. Watson has been prominent in the boatbuilding business for several years, and has acquired extensive interests in the ward in which he will run as aldermanic candidate. He has received requests from many of the ratepayers of that ward to enter the fight, and if returned will see to obtaining a better sewage system, better streets, and a traffic bridge from a central part of the water front and a road across the Songhees reserve.